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SUBJECT: ARMED CARDS FOR COM, EMBASSIES SAN SALVADOR AND MANAGUA

1. IN PHONE CONVERSATION TODAY WITH PSO/ADMIN OFF EMBASSY SAN SALVADOR, RSO SAN SALVADOR WAS INFORMED THAT NEW CARBURATOR FOR 1971 CHEV TO BE USED BY EMBASSY SAN SALVADOR HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND INSTALLED ON AUTO. FUEL STARVATION PROBLEM EXISTS. SEABEE MECHANICS FROM RTC PANAMA DUE TO ARRIVE SAN SALVADOR SATURDAY TO REPAIR CAR IF POSSIBLE.

2. RSO FURTHER INFORMED THAT 1969 CHEV., BORROWED FROM EMBASSY GUATEMALA IN NOVEMBER 1977 FOR USE BY U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SAN SALVADOR IS IN REPAIR GARAGE AND NEEDS EXTENSIVE WORK. EXACT NATURE OF NEEDED REPAIRS UNKNOWN, NOWEVER RSO IS PERSONALLY AWARE THAT THE CAR HAS SEVERE FRONT END/HANDLING PROBLEMS.

3. NEITHER EMBASSY MANAGUA NOR SAN SALVADOR HAVE FULL TIME EMBASSY MECHANICS AS DOES AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA, AND MAJOR REPAIR WORK MUST BE DONE ON LOCAL MARKET. IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT REPLACEMENT PARTS ARE PRACTICALLY NON-EXISTENT FOR 1969 CHEVROLETS, AND THE QUALITY OF REPAIR WORK IS QUESTIONABLE, IT IS FELT BY POST THAT THE 1969 CHEVROLET WILL BE MORE OF A BURDEN THAN A HELP.

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4. IT IS REQUESTED THAT A NEWER, FULLY ARMORED CARE BE ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY MANAGUA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE LOCAL SITUATION APPEARS TO BE WORSENING INSTEAD OF BECOMING BETTER.
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